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SUBJECT: PARKING FACILITIES FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND MISSIONS
TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN REPLY REFEELS:

1. DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

A. RESERVED DIPLOMATIC PARKING FACILITIES PROVIDED IN FRONT
OF CHANCERIES OR RESIDENCES OF CHIEFS OF MISSION BUT NOT
BOTH. THIS USUALLY CONSISTS OF ONE OR TWO PARKING SPACES
AND PROVIDED PARKING IS GENERALLY PERMITTED IN AREA. IN
CASE OF U.S. MISSIONN RESERVED PARKING IS NOT PROVIDED IN
FRONT OF CHANCERY, ALTHOUGH PARKING IS TOLERATED ON NON-METERED
SIDE OF AVENUE GABRIEL, SITE OF CHANCERY.

B. EXISTING COMMERCIAL GARAGE FACILITIES, ALTHOUGH
EXPENSIVE, ARE ADEQUATE. THEY ARE NOT RPT NOT GRATIS.

C. DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES ARE TICKETED FOR ILLEGAL PARKING
AS WELL AS OTHER TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS AND POST POLICY RE-
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QUIRES THAT THESE BE PAID. THERE IS A TOW-AWAY SYSTEM FOR

ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO KNOWN CASES WHERE CD CARS HAVE BEEN TOWED AWAY. POLICE AND METER MAIDS ALSO TICKET CARS PARKED ON EXPIRED METERS.

D. GENERAL TRAFFIC SITUATION AT CHANCERY SITE VERY HEAVY.

E. FOREIGN OFFICE STATES AS A POLICY FRENCH GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO BE AS COOPERATIVE AS POSSIBLE IN RESERVING PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF CHANCERIES OR RESIDENCES OF CHIEFS OF MISSION. IN AREAS WHERE TRAFFIC IS VERY HEAVY OR PARKING IS PROHIBITED FOR OTHER REASONS, THEY MUST, HOWEVER, REFUSE REQUESTS FOR RESERVED PARKING. FRENCH POLICE ALSO VERY COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING POLICE TO CONTROL AND RESERVE PARKING ON NATIONAL DAYS AND OTHER LARGE DIPLOMATIC RECEPTIONS GIVEN BY CHIEFS OF MISSION AND SENIOR OFFICERS.

2. UNESCO

NO RESERVED PARKING IS PROVIDED BY FRENCH EITHER AT OFFICES OR RESIDENCES. TWO SPACES ARE RESERVED IN UNESCO COURTYARD FOR US DELEGATION. OTHER PARKING IS IN COMMERCIAL GARAGE FACILITIES OR ON STREETS AROUND UNESCO WHERE PARKING IS PERMITTED. TRAFFIC IN THIS AREA IS MODERATE TO HEAVY.

3. OECD

ONE SIDE OF ANDRE PASCAL, SITE OF OECD, IS RESERVED BY FRENCH FOR OFFICIAL VEHICLES OF DELEGATIONS ON FIRST COME/ FIRST SERVED BASIS. ONE PARKING SPACE IS RESERVED FOR EACH CHIEF OF DELEGATION IN OECD COURTYARD AS WELL AS FOR SECRETARY GENERAL, HIS DEPUTY AND CERTAIN OTHER IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF. OTHER STAFF MEMBERS RENT SPACE IN OECD GARAGE. NO RESERVED PARKING IS PROVIDED AT RESIDENCES. TRAFFIC LIGHT THIS RESIDENTIAL AREA.

4. POLICE TICKET DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL, BUT GENERALLY THERE IS LITTLE ENFORCEMENT ON PAYMENT OF FINES ON DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES. UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT UNESCO OR OECD POLICY IS ON PAYMENT OF TRAFFIC FINES.
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5. THERE IS RESERVED PARKING FOR DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES AT PARIS AIRPORTS AND PRINCIPAL RAILROAD STATIONS.
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